

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to reject the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will decrease competition in the video and broadband market for consumers like me.

The combined company will be the sole satellite provider of note. This would leave no choices to rural customers. Cable is not the same technology as satellite. In markets where cable TV is not available ,most of rural America, there would be only one choice.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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